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## MEDIA ADVISORY

## Chief McManus to recognize local Hero

What: Citizen Hero Award

When: Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

2:30 p.m.

Where: SAPD Headquarters

214 W. Nueva

PIO Conference Room

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus will recognize a citizen for his heroic and selfless act bestowing upon him the "Citizen Hero Award".

This is the first time the "Citizen Hero Award" will be presented to a citizen. It is an award given for one's unselfish and heroic actions.

On January 23, 2007, in the 13800 block of Jones Maltsberger, a San Antonio police officer was driving by a residence when she noticed a struggle between a man and a woman. The officer stopped to investigate and learned that the woman had just attacked her two young children. The man told the officer that he was driving by and noticed a boy near the roadway that was bleeding. After stopping to tend to the child, he was told by the boy that his mom was inside their house and was trying to kill his brother. When the man went to the door, he could see blood on the floor. He also saw the woman holding the child by the neck with one arm while holding a knife and barbecue fork in another. The man immediately identified himself as a law enforcement officer, showing his credentials. The woman was threatening to kill the boy, so the man dropped his credentials, grabbed her hand and neck, twisted her wrist away from the boy's neck, and dragged her away from the boy, saving his life.

All are invited to attend.

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